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C O N F I D E N T I A L LIMA 9499

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SUBJ: LATIN AMERICAN PARITICIATION IN CONFERENCE ON
INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION

REF: A) BRASILIA 9870, B) STATE 265665

1. DIRECTOR OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AT FOREIGN MINISTRY
ALAN WAGNER TOLD EMBOFFS ON NOVEMBER 14 THAT LATIN
AMERICAN GROUP AT THE UN IS CONSIDERING REQUESTS FROM
BRAZIL, MEXICO, ARGENTINA, AND PERU TO FILL THE FOUR ADDITIONAL
LATIN SLOTS IN THE CIEC. WAGNER SAID HE PRESUMED PERU
WOULD BE AMONG THOSE CHOSEN. HE ALSO NOTED THAT ASIDE
FROM THE NATURAL LEADERSHIP ROLE WHICH VENEZUELA WOULD
PLWY, THE BALL WOULD BE CARRIED PRINCIPALLY BY MEXICO AND
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BRAZIL AS WELL FOR THE LATINS.

2. WAGNER ALSO TOOK OCCASION TO COMPLIMENT USG ON ITS FORTHCOMING PROPOSALS ON THE "NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER" AND TO EXPRESS THE HOPE THAT THE CIEC MINISTERIAL IN PARIS IN DECEMBER WILL ENABLE DC'S AND LDC'S TO REACH COMMON GROUND FOR FUTURE PROGRESS DURING THE COMING YEARS. GIVEN COMPLEXITY OF THE ISSUES, WAGNER SAID THAT HE DID NOT EXPECT MANY AGREEMENTS TO BE REACHED AT THE MINISTERIAL MEETING, BUT THAT THE ATMOSPHERE FOR SOME FORWARD PROGRESS HAS NOW BEEN ESTABLISHED. HE ALSO COMMENTED THAT THE LDC'S WERE PLEASED THAT THERE WOULD BE SOME FORMAL LINKAGE BETWEEN THE FOUR COMMISSIONS.

3. COMMENT: WAGNER CLEARLY PRESUMES THAT PERU WILL BE CHOSEN TO REPRESENT LATIN AMERICA. HIS ASSESSMENT OF PERU'S POTENTIAL INTEREST IN A LEADERSHIP ROLE MAY WELL REPRESENT HIS OWN JUDGMENT THAT THE LARGER LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES WOULD TEND TO PLAY A DOMINANT ROLE AND ALSO THE FACT THAT THE PERUVIANS LACK TECHNICAL DEPTH IN MANY OF THE FIELDS TO BE CONSIDERED. WE ARE BY NO MEANS SURE THAT FOREIGN MINISTER DE LA FLOR HOLDS THE SAME VIEWS.
DEAN UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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